

or licenses convenient for its corporate purposes, and to use the same so long as its corporate existence shall continue, and to lease or make contracts with respect to the use of the same or to dispose thereof in any manner it may deem to the best advantage of the Authority; but the Authority shall be under no obligation to accept and pay for any property condemned under this Act, except from the funds provided under the authority of this Act. In any proceedings to condemn, such orders may be made by the Court having jurisdiction of the suit, action or proceeding as may be just to the Authority and to the owners of the property to be condemned; and if the Authority shall deem it expedient to establish or construct the Civic Center on any lands, streets, alleys or public places, the title to which shall then be in the City, the City except as hereinafter provided, through its proper officials is hereby authorized to convey title to such lands, streets, alleys, or public places to the Authority without consideration. Provided, however, that the powers herein contained and conferred in this Paragraph (6) shall not be exercised nor applicable in the acquisition of any site for the establishment or construction of said Civic Center, nor shall said Civic Center be established or constructed unless the site therefor shall have been first approved by the Board of Estimates of the City of Baltimore; and provided that all public utility facilities occupying such lands, streets, alleys, or public places shall first have been removed or relocated at the Authority's expense.

(7) To appoint and dismiss officers, agents and employees including engineering, architectural and construction experts and attorneys, and to fix their compensation;

(8) To borrow money for any of its corporate purposes and to issue negotiable revenue bonds payable solely from the earnings of the Civic Center, and to provide for the payment of the same and for the rights of the holders thereof. The City is hereby authorized to make advances to the Authority, prior to the issue of revenue bonds herein provided for, upon approval of the Board of Estimates; for the purpose of preliminary studies by the Authority to be repaid to the City from the proceeds of the revenue bonds.

(9) The Authority is authorized to receive appropriate gifts, contributions of money, supplies, goods and services, or loans thereof, and especially to accept appropriations, allotments and loans of funds from the City of Baltimore, the State of Maryland, or the United States of America, any Federal corporation or agency organized for the purpose of aiding in the construction of public improvements, and any municipal corporation or political sub-division of the State of Maryland;

(10) To exercise any power usually possessed by private corporations in performing similar functions, which is not in conflict with the Constitution and laws of this State;

(11) To do all things necessary and convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted by this Act.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted, That*

(Powers of the City.) The City is hereby authorized and empowered to abandon and vacate any or all streets, alleys or other public places required to insure proper operation of the Civic Center and the full and complete utilization of its facilities, and the City